

Remarks

Currently Claims 5-8, and 11-18 are pending. Claims 1-4 and 9-10 have been canceled to comply with standard U.S. practice.

An abstract on a separate page is provided herewith.

New claims 11-18 have been added to complete the record. Support for these claims can be found in Applicants' original specification (including the claims), and particularly at page 3 of Applicants' original specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 483-8222, to discuss this case further if desired.

Respectfully submitted,

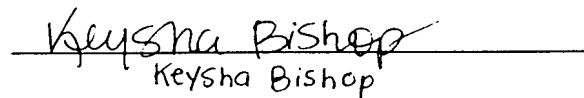


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